[*English*]

Opening of new Branches of Insurance Companies in Kerala

7071. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open new branches of the Insurance Companies in Kerala during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The four subsidiaries of the General Insurance Corporation of India have already opened five new branches - one each in Muvattupuzha (District Idukki), Cannanore,Cochin (District Ernakulam), Palluruthy (District Ernakulam) and Kanjirapally (District Kottayam) in Kerala during the current financial year. A few more branches are expected to be opened by them in Kerala during the current financial year. In addition, the Life Insurance Corporation of India will be opening five new branches - one each in Trichur, Ernakulam. Ramanatukara (District Kozhikode), Tiruvananthapuram (District Trivandrum) and Kottayam in Kerala during the current financial year.

[*Translation*]

Funds for Construction of Roads in Himachal Pradesh

7072. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh from the Central Road Fund for the construction of roads during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide some additional funds for construction of roads in the hilly areas of the State in view of peculiar geographical conditions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Funds allotted to Himachal Pradesh for construction of roads during last three years are as under:-

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	6.00
1989-90	6.00
1990-91	9.81
Total	21.81

(b) and (c). The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh have sent a CRF Programme for 8th Plan period consisting of 44 schemes costing Rs. 35.68 crores including 13 schemes costing Rs 15.47 crores in hilly ares of the State. However, these schemes could not be processed for approval so far as the actual augmentation of CRF has not yet taken place.

[*English*]

National Highway in Haryana

7073. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways in Haryana; and

(b) the length of roads converted into National Highway in Haryana during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 698 Kms.

(b) No road in Haryana was converted

into a National Highway during the 7th Five year Plan.

Saving Schemes Through post Offices

7074. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some saving schemes have been launched during July and August, 1991 through post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof with dates of aunching;

(c) whether any age limit has been fixed for joining these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the formalities required to be complied with by the investors to join these schemes;

(f) whether the Government propose to launch any new attractive savings schemes;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALIBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

(f) to (h) At present there is no proposal to launch new Small Savings Schemes.

[*Translation*]

Income Tax Collection from Persons Having Taxable Income Tax upto Thirty Thousand Rupees

7075. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who paid income tax on taxable income upto thirty thousand rupees during 1988-89 and 1989-90 State-wise;

(b) the total amount of income tax thus realised; and

(c) the proportionate amount spent by the Government on assessment and collection of tax from these income tax payees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The Central Board of Direct taxes does not compile separate date in regard to the number of taxpayers who paid income tax on taxable income upto thirty thousand rupees, the amount of income tax realised from them and the proportionate amount spent on assessment and collection of tax from them. Considerable time and effort will be involved in collecting the desired information from assessing officers spread all over India which will not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved.

Trade Fairs

7076. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKA RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to organise trade fairs in various countries to encourage exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b). yes, Sir. During 1991-92, TFAI is organising participation in 38 trade fairs abroad. These include 21 general international trade fairs, 15 specialised commodity fairs and 2 exclusive India Exhibitions. Out of these 38 events, 10 are in West Europe, 6 in East Europe, 2 in Latin America, 3 in North America, 5 in West Asia, 6 in Asia and 6 in Africa.